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AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
WITH PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION & CLAIM FEE TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply requires a one-month extension and claim fees.

Applicant requests a one-month extension, from March 31, 2004 to April 30, 2004, for replying to the outstanding Office Action. The one-month extension fee is \$110. The present Amendment introduces TWO additional claims that require a fee of \$36. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$146 (or any additional fees required to maintain the pendency of this application) to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.

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Brooks discloses a display 500 that displays a tool bar having menus such as "file," "edit," "view," etc. See Figs. 5 - 20. The tool bar is used for filing, editing or viewing a document file in a window, for example. Referring to Fig. 5, Brooks always displays only one tool bar even when more than one windows 502, 504, 506 are open. Accordingly, even if Brooks' tool bar were deemed to correspond to the claimed operation panel window, for argument's sake, Brooks would not have disclosed or taught displaying a plurality of operation panels each corresponding to one of window display sections. Moreover, Brooks would not have disclosed or taught displaying operation panel windows separate from the respective display sections.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-36 patentably distinguish over the applied references and thus urges the examiner to issue an early Notice of Allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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